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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2552

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA)(SMITH, KENNETH STEVEN)

(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICAN

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1. EMBASSY RELUCTANT HAVE INTERESTED PARTIES RELEASE ANY STATEMENT, INCLUDING THAT SUGGESTED PARA ONE, REF D, FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. JULY 17 QTE DEADLINE UNQTE WAS CONTAINED IN SMITH'S LETTER OF JULY 13, AND IS NOT MENTIONED IN LETTER OF JULY 14 WRITTEN AFTER BERGMANN-HUNTER STATEMENT HAD BEEN HEARD ON RADIO BY PRP. THE CONDITION MENTIONED IN JULY 13 LETTER THUS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MET. AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE LETTERS WRITTEN JUNE 15, 16 AND 17, IT SEEMS THAT WHEN THE PRP WANTS TO AMEND AN ALREADY PREPARED LETTER, IT HAS STUDENTS WRITE ANOTHER ONE CONTRADICTING THE FIRST AND THEN SENDS BOTH TOGETHER, WITHOUT CANCELLING THE EARLIER OUTDATED MESSAGE.

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B. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THE PRP HAS BEEN OPERATING ON A PRECONCEIVED PLAN (POSSIBLY INTENDED FROM START OR POSSIBLY DECIDED ON WHEN THE DECISION NOT TO RELEASE SMITH WITH THE OTHERS WAS MADE) TO RELEASE SMITH DRAMATICALLY AS LAST MOMENTS OF 60-DAY DEADLINE SET LAST MAY RUNS OUT. THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE, DEPENDING ON HOW PRP COUNTS THINGS, JULY 18 OR 19. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY PRP AS AN INVITATION BY US TO PROLONG THE CASE BEYOND THE 60-DAY PERIOD.

C. WE ALSO RELUCTANT TO GIVE PRP IDEA THAT THEY CAN AUTOMATICALLY GET TO HEAR THEIR NAME ON THE RADIO SIMPLY BY HAVING SMITH WRITE A LETTER. OUR BASIC MESSAGE AT THE MOMENT IS THAT THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY CARROTS TO BE OBTAINED WITHOUT SMITH'S RELEASE.

D. FINALLY, AND REALISTICALLY, WE DO NOT THINK DECISION BY PRP OF WHETHER OR NOT TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST SMITH WILL TURN ON APPEALS FROM OUR SIDE.

2. WE WOULD WELCOME DEPT'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE, BUT OUR THINKING NOW, IN WHICH PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STANFORD REP CONCUR, IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER PUBLIC STASSMENT ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

3. PARENTS HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH SUGGESTED CHANGES IN SMITH LETTER INCORPORATED IN PARA 3, A AND B, REF D, BUT DO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING SUGGESTED DELETION IN PARA 3, C OF REF D. STUDENTS PARTICULARLY FEEL BECAUSE OF PROVACATIVE NATURE OF LETTER AND HIGH FLASH POINT OF ALFRED NONDO AND OTHER PRP TYPES THAT INCLUSION OF QTE OR PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THEIR ENEMIES UNQTE IS MOSTAIXPORTANT. (FYI: IT WAS AT EMBASSY'S INSISTENCE THAT PHRASE QTE THEIR ENEMIES UNQTE WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR ORIGINAL REFERENCE TO MOBUTU. END FYI)

4. AMBASSADOR CALLING ON PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, A.B. NYAKYI, AHI1400 HOURS LOCAL TODAY, 17 JULY, TO DELIVER COPIES OBSSMITH LETTERS AND TO STRESS TAEGOV RESPONSIBILITY IN BEING HELPFUL AT THIS STAGE OF DEVELHXMENTS.

5. BRYCESON CURRENTLY OUT OF DAR AND WE ARE UNSURE AS TO TIME OF HIS EXACT RETURN. WE WILL SUGGEST, HOWEVER, TO STANFORD REP POSSIBILITY OF SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF MINIMUM OF TWO PRISONERS  
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